[29th January 1929

A.—The Government have recently revised the rules regulating the grant of premia to breeders of bulls; a copy[a] of which is placed on the table. As per the revised rules premia may be granted even for local breeding bulls if they are approved by the Agricultural Department.

Excise

Alleged representation from the Prohibition League, Calicut, regarding reduction of liquor shops.

* 1105-A Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Prohibition League, Calicut, to the effect that in the Excise Licensing Boards and the Advisory Committees as at present constituted, there is hardly any scope for the representatives of the public to get any proposal for reduction in the number of shops or change of sites carried;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of the House with the orders of the Government thereon; and

(*c*) whether similar representations have been received from other Temperance organizations in the Presidency?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The representation[b] of the Prohibition League, Malabar, referred to and the order of the Government thereon are laid on the table.

(*c*) No.

Alleged representation from the Prohibition League, Calicut, against the location of an arrack shop.

* 1105-B Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation was made by the Prohibition League, Calicut, to the Excise Licensing Board, Calicut, protesting against the location of an arrack shop in a particular locality on the ground that its location violated all the instructions issued by Government in regard to the location of liquor shops;

(*b*) whether the Board did not consider the request favourably simply because the Assistant Commissioner for Excise could not find a better site in the locality;

(*c*) whether the League has appealed to Government against the decision of the Board; and

(*d*) whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the representation of the League, their letter to Government and the orders of the Government thereon?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have received a representation from the Prohibition League, Malabar, making the allegations referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of the question and have called for a report on the subject.

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[a] Circulated separately. [b] Printed as Appendix III on pages 285–288 infra.